



Commission Action

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PROJECT Peace Corps Memorial Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7623
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	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of comments on alternative sites
	ACTION TAKEN Approve comments as requested
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8905

The Commission:

Provides the following comments on the alternative sites proposed for the Peace Corps Memorial:

Supports Reservation 727 (Memorial Site 25) and Reservation 31 (Edward R. Murrow Park/Memorial, Site 44 North) to be viable locations for the Peace Corps Memorial due to the following reasons:

- Reservation 727 is an appropriate location for a modest memorial in close proximity to the Monumental Core, the U.S. Capitol building, and Union Station.
- Reservation 31 offers strong thematic ties between the Peace Corps and the surrounding institutional uses and international organizations in the surrounding area.
- Both properties have potential to accommodate the memorial program while protecting available open space and public uses.

Requests that the following comments be considered if the memorial sponsor selects Reservation 727 or Reservation 31 as its preferred memorial site:

Regarding Reservation 727:

- Any memorial design should retain all existing healthy, mature trees.
- The memorial design should include seating opportunities, retention of green space, and low impact development stormwater management features.
- Pursuant to Public Law 104-333 Section 514, the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) has jurisdiction over the sidewalk along Louisiana Avenue, NW; and therefore, development of the memorial design should be coordinated with the AOC and any changes to the sidewalks should be done in accordance with AOC standards.

Regarding Reservation 31:

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- The Golden Triangle BID is currently evaluating potential streetscape and public space improvements along Pennsylvania Avenue, NW from 17th Street, NW to Washington Circle; and therefore, coordination with this effort is encouraged.
 - The memorial design should include seating opportunities, retention of green space, and low impact development stormwater management features.
 - The site was dedicated to Edward R. Murrow in 1979; and therefore, opportunities for additional interpretive elements related to Edward R. Murrow should be explored as part of the memorial design.
 - The memorial design should be sensitive to the current plan of the site as it dates to the 1930s.

Notes that the Commission considers Reservation 30 (Memorial site 44 South) and the Rock Creek Park site (Memorial site 46) to be less viable for a new commemorative work at this time based on the following reasons:

- Reservation 30 is a well maintained park with newly improved infrastructure and site furniture that is regularly used for passive recreation.
- The Rock Creek Park site is more than twice as large as the other sites considered and could accommodate a memorial larger in scope than what is anticipated for the Peace Corps Memorial.

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